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NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

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SUMMARY: COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) BEGAN AND CONCLUDED
DISCUSSION MORNING JULY 16 ON EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL TO REINFORCE
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM). WHILE ISSUE OF CUBA'S NON-
ALIGNMENT WAS RAISED BY SOMALIA, THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO SUP-
PORT BY OTHER MEMBERS TO SEEK OAU CALL FOR CUBA'S EXPULSION
FROM NAM. DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON IMPORTANCE OF NON-ALIGN-
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MENT FOR AFRICA AND RESULTED IN OAU DETERMINATION TO ADHERE
MORE STRICTLY TO NAM PRINCIPLES. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
MANY OAU MEMBERS WILL SUPPORT ANY MOVE IN BELGRADE TO
EXPEL CUBA. END SUMMARY

1. EGYPTIAN-SPONSORED PROPOSAL ON "ESTABLISHMENT OF A
COMMON AFRICAN STRATEGY FOR THE RE-ENFORCEMENT OF THE

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT" GENERATED SOME INTERESTING SPEECHES WHICH HIGHLIGHTED IMPORTANCE OAU MEMBERS ATTACH TO NAM PRINCIPLES. AMONG FIRST SPEAKERS, SOMALI FONMIN JAMA BARRE CLAIMED THAT BECAUSE OF CUBA'S "ALLEGIANCES AND ALLIANCE THAT CLEARLY CONTRADICT THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NAM", CUBA SHOULD BE CENSORED AS "NOT WORTHY OF RETAINING MEMBERSHIP IN NAM." FONMIN BARRE ASSERTED THAT NAM OPPOSES COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, "HEGEMONISM" AND ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN AND ALIEN DOMINATION. ALGERIA AROSE TO DEFEND CUBA'S NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS AND TO OFFER COUNTER RESOLUTION ON NAM. OTHER SPEAKERS QUESTIONED WHETHER OAU WAS PROPER FORUM TO DISCUSS EXPULSIONS FROM NAM AND LIBYA WONDERED ALOUD THAT IF OAU WERE TO BEGIN EXAMINING NAM CREDENTIALS, THOSE OF SOME AFRICAN MEMBERS SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO ALSO.

2. LIBERIA FONMIN DENNIS, WHO HAS CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF LEADING SPOKESMEN FOR MODERATION AND UNITY, URGED MEMBERS TO "MAINTAIN OUR ORIENTATION TOWARDS COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE." HE SUGGESTED OAU MEMBERS SHOULD NOT ACCEPT NOMENCLATURE OF "PROGRESSIVE" OR "REACTIONARY" DEPENDING ON AN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EASTERN OR WESTERN BLOC BECAUSE "IT IS TANTAMOUNT TO OPERATING WITHIN A COLD WAR CONTEXT AND NEGATES THE VERY ESSENCE OF NON-ALIGNMENT." TO DETERMINE IF A COUNTRY IS PROGRESSIVE, FONMIN DENNIS ASSERTED THAT "PROGRESS SHOULD BE MEASURED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY EXTENT TO WHICH OUR PEOPLE ENJOY FREEDOM, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES." THE EFFICACY OF NON-ALIGNMENT IS "REJECTION OF ANY ATTEMPT TO LABEL US AS PROGRESSIVES, MODERATES, REACTIONARIES OR ANY OTHER LABEL. WE MUST OPPOSE ANY MANEUVERS TO USE US INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY AS INSTRUMENTS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BIG POWER INTERESTS ANYWHERE ON THIS GLOBE, BUT PARTICULARLY ON AFRICAN CONTINENT."

3. AS DELEGATES LEFT MORNING SESSION, THERE SEEMED TO BE GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT OAU WOULD ACHIEVE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION ON NAM WITHOUT NAMING ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRIES. OTHER THAN SOMALIA, IT APPEARS THAT NO ONE ATTACKED CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA, NOT EVEN ZAIRE. HOWEVER, OUTSIDE OF PLENARY, ZAIRIAN FONMIN UMBA DI LUTETE ACCUSED CUBANS, EAST GERMANS AND SOVIETS OF BEING INVOLVED IN RECENT SHABA INVASION, ADDING THAT "WE ARE AGAINST ALL SORTS OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA." HE ASKED RHETORICALLY, "IF CUBANS REALLY INTEND TO LIBERATE AFRICA WHY DIDN'T THEY ENTER ZIMBABWE OR NAMIBIA?"

4. AT EVENING BRIEFING, OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ONU SAID

WHOLE COM AGREED THAT OAU SHOULD SEEK TO REINFORCE
PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT AS ENSHRINED IN OAU CHARTER.
ONU SAID EGYPTIAN AND ALGERIAN RESOLUTIONS WERE "COMPLE-
MENTARY" AND HAD BEEN SENT TO DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO
"HARMONIZE" THEIR PERSPECTIVES AND LANGUAGE. RESOLUTION
ON NAM WILL BE PRESENTED TO HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT.
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